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1. From 19 to 21 April 1954, a Soviet economic mission, composed of three engineers, allegedly stayed in Rakovica to visit a ball-bearing factory.
2. Agreements were allegedly reached between Yugoslavia and the USSR whereby the latter would receive large quantities of ball bearings in exchange for cereals.

Comment:

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the only known plant in Yugoslavia which is currently producing ball and roller bearings is the "Lezaj" plant in Belgrade. The Rakovica plant, which presumably went out of operation in 1948, was reportedly devoted only to bearing assembly work, using materials brought in from Czechoslovakia.

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